

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19, 25-26, and 29 were pending in the application. Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-17, 19, 25-26, and 29 will be canceled and claims 30-42 will be added. Thus, claims 30-42 will be pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the originally filed claims in this application and/or in related applications.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful telephone interview that was conducted on October 29, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

Respectfully submitted,



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